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WAGE LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the backward classes in the country including Dalits, both in urban and rural India, depend on wage labour, due to the absence of land reforms;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve their plight;

(c) whether any instructions have been issued to fill the backlog of reserved posts for SCs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) & (b) The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, have taken major initiatives in the field of land management, computerization of land records, digitization of maps, etc. Land reforms were visualized as important pillar of a strong and prosperous country. India's first several five-year plans allocated substantial budgetary amounts for the implementation of land reforms. A degree of success was even registered in certain regions and states, especially with regard to issues such as the abolition of intermediaries, protection to tenants, rationalization of different tenure systems, and the imposition of ceilings on landholdings.

(c) & (d) The Government launched a Special Recruitment Drive in November, 2008 to fill up the backlog vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in Central Government establishments. A total of 77487 backlog vacancies were identified for the Drive of which 25560 were for SCs, 28542 for STs and 23385 for OBCs. It was stipulated that all the backlog vacancies would be filled up by June, 2011. However, on review it was found that a large number of backlog vacancies still remained unfilled. Therefore, the Drive has been re-launched. All the Ministries / Departments have been requested to fill up the remaining backlog vacancies by 31.03.2012.

(e) Question does not arise.